# National GAINS Center for Evidence-Based Programs in the Justice System

## **EXPERT PANEL MEETINGS**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The GAINS EBP Center will hold 6 Expert Panel Meetings to advance our understanding of the state of the field pertaining to the application of evidence-based practices in the criminal justices system in an effort to integrate knowledge and provide future direction for states and localities to develop the capacity to implement science to service initiatives.

## **DESCRIPTION**

The GAINS EBP Center will invite a core group of 12 researchers, practitioners, service providers, and consumers to critically examine each topic area, with 4 regular members that attend all sessions and the other 8 people rotating based on the topic. In addition, a group of 10-15 observers will be invited to contribute to the discussion.

Each expert panel meeting will be one-day in length, beginning with a commissioned, integrated research summary developed by a leading researcher in the topical area. Following this presentation, expert panel participants will engage in a facilitated interactive discussion.

Following each expert panel meeting, an independent consultant will develop an issue brief outlining the discussion and outcomes of the Expert Panel Meeting on how evidence-based practices relate to the criminal justice system.

## EXPERT PANEL MEETING SCHEDULE

February 18, 2005 Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

April 25, 2005 Trauma

June 1, 2005 Supported Housing
September 7, 2005 Supported Employment
October 21, 2005 Illness Self-Management

November 29, 2005 Integrated Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment